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SUBJECT: MEDIA REACTION: PRESIDENT OBAMA'S NOBEL PRIZE,  
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PRESIDENT OBAMA'S NOBEL PRIZE  
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¶1. "RESPONSIBILITY OF THE AWARD RECIPIENT," editorial in October 14 independent Bengali daily, ANANDABAZAR PATRIKA: "President Obama should have declined the Nobel Prize, because the U.S. is still engaged in Afghanistan and is accused of not withdrawing troops from Iraq. However, now that the award is already given, the world can only expect that the President's words will translate into action... President Obama is a much-awaited, much sought after harbinger of change. Let this untimely award signal the change."

¶2. "NOBEL OBAMA," editorial in October 14 Leftist Bengali daily, AAJKAAL: "Couldn't the Nobel committee wait at least for a year before awarding him? Let us hope President Obama will make himself worthy of it by his deeds and actions."

¶3. "AUDACITY OF HOPE," editorial in October 13 Assamese centrist daily, DAINIK ASAM: "So far Obama has followed the path of understanding rather than conflict. His address to the Muslim world helped generate positive environment in the region. By strongly denouncing the

politics of race, religion and color, Obama has ushered in new hope of a world order based on understanding and tolerance. He deserves the recognition."

¶4. "OBAMA'S RESPONSIBILITIES HAVE INCREASED NOW," op-ed in October 15, right-of-center Urdu daily HAMARA SAMAJ: "It would have been better to wait a few years before Obama the award, but that does not mean he didn't deserve the Nobel. Obama is the first ever winner of the Nobel peace prize who has yet no charges of breaching peace or spreading violence. We must hope that he would be able to meet the challenges and fulfill the responsibilities that have increased manifold for him."

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¶5. "SILENCE OVER CHINA: WHAT DOES IT MEAN?" editorial in October 15 right-of-center Urdu daily HAMARA SAMAJ: "China's objection to PM Manmohan Singh's visiting Arunachal Pradesh shows Beijing's nefarious designs on our motherland. For the first time our Foreign Ministry has given a harsh reaction against China without mincing words. Our leaders should keep in mind which of our neighbors is looking for opportunities to take advantage of our softness."

¶6. "ARUNACHAL PRADESH CONTROVERSY" editorial in October  
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15 right-of-center Gujarati daily, GUJARAT SAMACHAR: "The Indian foreign policy establishment seems to be becoming ineffective. So far we were grappling with Pakistan. Now China is added to our list of worries. Having to reinforce that Arunachal Pradesh is an integral part of India is in itself an embarrassment; it shows the frailty of our foreign policy approach.... How long will we continue to be silent spectators? The government has to shed its escapist attitude and get working."

¶7. "THE CHEEKY DRAGON," editorial in October 15 centrist Marathi daily SAKAAL: "Chinese objection to Prime Minister Manmohan Singh's visit to Arunachal Pradesh is another ridiculous refusal by an immature neighbor to recognize the borders that separate India's border states from China. Such objections do no good to the ongoing bilateral talks between India and China. On the contrary, India is baffled by China's decision to escalate the border dispute. In fact Beijing seems serious and the row could lead to a significant deterioration in diplomatic relations..."  
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